

Child Welfare Partners Committee (CWPC)

Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 7, 2019

In-Person

Members in attendance: Jana Rhoads, Janee Harvey, Heather Davidson, Debbie Orduna, Teresa Burke, Tom Bouska, Rick Venenga, Susan Smalley, Liam Healy, Darin Thompson, Emily Blomme, and Theresa Lewis

Members not in attendance: Jean Slaybaugh, Chris Koepplin, Leta Hosier

Observers in attendance: Kristie Oliver, Coalition; Bill Kallestad,

Purpose of the Meeting:

The purpose of the meeting this month was to introduce the newest members of this committee due to several changes since the last meeting as well as provide general updates.

Summary of Meeting:

There were several changes to membership of this committee, including:

- Liam Healy is filling the term of Leta Hosier who is retiring this month.

Statewide Annual Meeting Update

Emily Blomme and Theresa Lewis went over the statewide annual meeting agenda and talked about the small group discussions that will be done at the meeting.

Families First Workgroups Update

Janee shared the update for the five Family First Prevention Services workgroups.

Performance Measures

There was discussion regarding the performance measures that have incentives in the child welfare contracts. It was decided to have a separate meeting specific to discussing this as this is a not part of what this committee is focus on. This meeting is scheduled for June 20. Jim Chesnik will be present for this meeting for the discussion as there is a DHS charter on performance measures for group care.

Legislative Updates

- The Governor has signed the DHS budget.
- There is a new Mandatory Reporter training for child abuse and dependent adult abuse to come out soon as there was a law change passed this legislative session (HF 731) that takes effect July 1, 2019. This training will be posted on the DHS website and will be free and accessible 24 hours a day.

The next meeting of the CWPC is scheduled as a conference call on **July 11, 2019 from 1-2:00 p.m.**

Our Vision:

The combined experience and perspective of public and private agencies provide the best opportunity to reach our mutual goals: child safety, permanency, and well-being for Iowa's children and families. Collaboration and shared accountability will keep the focus on child welfare outcomes.